

CALL FOR PAPERS

Unity Through Relationship 2019

11th – 12th November 2019,
Bonnington Hotel (Whitehall), Dublin, Ireland

Call for Papers' for the 6th annual 'Unity Through Relationship' International Conference.

Conference theme: The Rhythms of Care

Unity 6 (2019) will provide a forum for the coming together all who are interested in the care, protection and welfare of children and families, to discuss some of the many topics that underpin this work. We will hear from international and local experts, professionals and educators.

The objectives of this 2-day conference are:

- (i) to provide a forum to share experience on the variety of approaches, mediums, theories, concepts and therapies available to aid us in caring for children who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) or who are deemed to be at risk of experiencing trauma within social work, child & youth care (social care) and related professions;
- (ii) to examine these with the context of relational practice;
- (iii) to examine how these may aid in shaping the current and future focus of caring professions.

“Trauma disrupts the workings of the mind, brain and body” (Van der Kolk, 2104:355).

We are interested in receiving proposals that will talk to the various aspects of rhythm in care which may include, but is not limited to, wavelengths, reciprocity, synchronicity, routine, somatic therapies and therapeutic approaches, art, music and beat in care, neuroscience, attunement, regulation and attachment.

“I cannot emphasize enough how important routine and repetition are to recovery” (Perry & Szalavitz, 2006:245).

The event is open to ALL who are involved in the provision of care, education, therapy and other services to children, youth and families, including but not limited to: front-line practitioners (social work, social care, teachers, family support staff), clinicians, educators, justice professionals, mental health staff, therapists, researchers, managers, carers and students.

We are sending out the initial *call for papers* seeking applications to present **plenary or workshop**. Presenters (max 2) can register for free for the entire conference.

Completed application forms to be returned to: maurice@empowerireland.com before 17.00, 31st March, 2019.

WEBSITE: www.unitythroughrelationship.com

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Presentation Details	
Name of Contributor/s	
Session Name <i>(working title is acceptable at this time)</i>	
Session Structure <i>(45-minute plenary/ workshop or 90-minute workshop)</i>	
Session Detail Please provide a brief description/abstract of your presentation (up to 150 words)	
Key Messages Please list the intended outcomes for participants (bullet points).	
Presenter Bio Provide a brief biography for each presenter (150 words max)	
Special needs	